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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 19 and 20 are canceled.

Claims 21-38 are new.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) An assembly comprising a casing and a transparent light conductor, wherein the light conductor includes a first portion housed in the casing at least partially, and a second portion projecting out of the casing.

22. (New) The assembly according to claim 21, wherein the second portion is bent relative to the first portion.

23. (New) The assembly according to claim 21, wherein the first portion includes a light receiving surface and a light emitting surface for allowing light to exit.

24. (New) The assembly according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting surface is formed with a plurality of indents each of which is provided with an inclined portion slanted relative to the light receiving surface.

25. (New) The assembly according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting surface is formed with a plurality of projections each having a corner at which a cutout is provided.

26. (New) The assembly according to claim 23, wherein the light receiving surface is formed with a convex portion.

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27. (New) The assembly according to claim 26, wherein the light receiving surface is further formed with a pair of concave portions flanking the convex portion.

28. (New) The assembly according to claim 27, wherein the pair of concave portions flanking the convex portion has an arcing contour whose center of curvature coincides with an originating position of a light emitting device.

29. (New) An assembly comprising a casing and a light conducting unit,
wherein the light conducting unit includes a first transparent member housed within the casing, and a second transparent member partially housed in the casing and partially projecting out of the casing.

30. (New) The assembly according to claim 29, wherein the first transparent member is provided with a light receiving surface and a light emitting surface opposite to the light receiving surface, at least one of the light receiving surface and the light emitting surface being provided with a convex portion.

31. (New) The assembly according to claim 29, wherein the second transparent member is formed separately from the first transparent member and arranged to lead light emitted from the light emitting surface of the first transparent member in a predetermined direction.

32. (New) The assembly according to claim 31, wherein the second transparent member includes a first portion housed in the casing at least partially, and a second portion projecting out of the casing, the second portion being bent relative to the first portion.

33. (New) The assembly according to claim 30, wherein the second transparent member includes a light receiving surface facing the light emitting surface of the first transparent member.

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34. (New) The assembly according to claim 33, wherein the light receiving surface of the second transparent member is sinuous.

35. (New) The assembly according to claim 33, further comprising a light shielding member arranged between the light emitting surface of the first transparent member and the light receiving surface of the second transparent member.

36. (New) The assembly according to claim 29, wherein the first and second transparent members are fixed to each other.

37. (New) The assembly according to claim 36, wherein the first transparent member is formed with a positioning groove, the second transparent member being formed

38. (New) The assembly according to claim 33, wherein the light receiving surface of the first transparent member is wider than that of a light emitting device.